



**July 29, 2004**

## **Pair admit bank robbery**

**James Snoke** and **Douglas Reardon**, both 39, have pleaded guilty to federal bank robbery, admitting that they took part in a robbery at a Citizens Bank branch on Manton Avenue in February. A store security guard videotaped the entire robbery sequence, surveilling Reardon from the time he entered the supermarket in which the bank is located. Reardon also admitted to another robbery in February at a Bank RI branch on Plainfield Pike in Cranston.

The Office of the United States Attorney announced the guilty pleas, which Snoke and Reardon entered today before U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith in U.S. District Court, Providence. The defendants, whose addresses are not reflected in court records, are detained at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions pending sentencing, which Judge Smith scheduled for October 29.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew J. Reich said that, had the case gone to trial, the government would have proven that Reardon robbed a teller at the Citizens Bank branch at 850 Manton Avenue on February 29 while Snoke waited outside in a rented getaway car.

Reich said that a store security guard became suspicious of Reardon when he entered the Stop & Shop in which the bank is located. The guard, manning a video control terminal, taped Reardon's movements inside the store and in a car parked outside the store, driven by Snoke.

Reardon walked around the store, left, and then reentered after changing his outer clothes in the car. He approached a teller at the Citizens counter and handed her a note stating, "No dye

packs. No one will be harmed.” The videotape shows the teller handing a bundle of bills to Reardon and shows him leaving the store and getting into the passenger side of the car driven by Snoke, and then shows the car leaving the area. The pair fled with \$3,587.

Providence Police arrested Reardon later that day, recovering some of the cash and seizing a quantity of heroin. Reardon admitted to the robbery and to another he had committed on February 20 at a Bank RI branch located at 2014 Plainfield Pike, Cranston.

Providence Police also arrested Snoke on February 29, recovering more of the robbery loot and seizing another quantity of heroin.

Snoke pleaded guilty to one count of robbery at a federally insured bank. Reardon pleaded guilty to two counts of the same offense. The statutory maximum penalty for bank robbery is 20 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

**Providence Police, Cranston Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation** investigated the case.

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